

"Is our Lord commending a life of idleness and inactivity? Is He teaching us that we need not sow, nor reap, nor toil, nor spin? Does He tell us that all we need to do is to pray to God, and to trust some raven will be sent to supply our wants? Such notions find no support here. God provides for the lillies and for the birds, but not in precisely the same way for each. The birds neither sow nor reap, but they must use the instincts and powers with which God has endowed them for securing their food. God will provide for us, but we must employ the faculties and energies given us for the purpose of securing what we need. Paul was not in conflict with our Lord when he rather bluntly commanded the Thessalonian Christians 'that if any man would not work, neither should he eat.' But while we work there must be no worry. Through all our plans and activities must penetrate the calm and peaceful trust in God. We must believe that he presides over all controls all, guides all to holy and beneficent ends, and that His blessing will crown our endeavors. Constantly to have in our hearts the thought of a kind and gracious Father, who careth for us, is to chase away all that disturbs and distracts the soul.

"But our Lord's sovereign remedy for all anxiety is whole-hearted devotion to God. Laying up treasures in Heaven, serving God only, and not trying to serve God and Mammon, seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; these will work certain cure.

"Without expanding further, may we not find these teachings of our Lord suggestive in the present conditions of business? It will not aggravate the trouble for us to confess that many people are now worried and anxious. The counsel is given us, and it is certainly wise counsel, that we need not be alarmed. What are the immediate sources of trouble? Unreasonable fear and distrust. These lead many persons to do what no tangible reason justifies, and to bring about the very thing they would avoid. It seems to me that there is an appeal to us now to show our trust in God, and to call into play the great principles of Christianity, Generosity. Unselfishness, looking not only on our own things, but on the things of others also; these and other kindred sentiments of our holy religion would be very much in place now. Let us get out the Golden Rule and put it into active service. To calm our spirits to give us clear heads, to banish anxiety and distraction of soul, let us have a larger trust in God. Then we will have a peace which this world can neither give nor take away."

**Curious Photographs.**

At a recent meeting of the British Royal Society one of the members exhibited some curious photographs, produced by placing coins, medals and such like objects on a sensitive plate. An electrical discharge was sent through the object, and a developer then applied to the film, where images of the designs upon the objects were obtained. The best results were produced in oxygen. No effect could be obtained in a good vacuum. Changes of temperature made little difference in the results, while increase of atmosphere pressure was found to improve definition.—*Electrical Review.*

**Big Coal Land Deal.**

FAIRMONT, W. VA., July 23.—One of the largest deals in West Virginia coal lands which have taken place within the past two years was closed here yesterday. Messrs. J. E. Watson, O. S. McKinney and W. A. Ohley, who already own 4,000 acres in this and adjoining county of Harrison, took up over 2,000 acres more on the waters of Teverbaugh and Helen's runs in Lincoln district and along the line of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. All this land is taken in fee simple, and is among the best "deep" coal land to be found in West Virginia. It is so located that it may be worked from two fronts, and both will face the Baltimore and Ohio road.

**The Ohio Oil Well Supply Company,** of Toledo, Ohio, has gone into the hands of a receiver. One of its largest stockholders requested that a receiver be appointed, asserting that the liabilities were over \$800,000.

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